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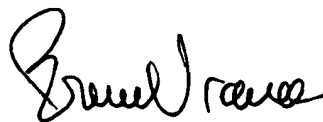
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

The Office Action of December 2, 2002 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on March 2, 2003. A two-month extension to May 2, 2003 is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Applicants' credit card in the amount of \$410.00 for payment of the extension fee. Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment Form for fee purposes. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1744.

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